

An ACT for the Assessment of so much Tobacco on the Taxable Inhabitants of Westminster Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, as will build them a new Parish Church, and purchase Two Acres of Land, to build the said Church on.

W H E R E A S, the Vestry-Men, Church-Wardens, and Parishioners of *Westminster* Parish, in *Anne-Arundel* County, and others in said County that pay Taxes in the said Parish, have by their Petition to the General Assembly set forth, that their Parish Church is so decayed, and out of Repair, that it will almost cost as much to repair it, as it would to build a new One; besides, the said Church stands not convenient for the Parishioners; and have prayed that an Act may pass to enable them to build a new Church, and purchase Two Acres of Land, just by where an old School-House stood, that one *Patrick Oglevie* formerly kept School in, on the *South West* Side of the main Road that leads up on the *North* Side of *Severn-River*, to build the said new Church on; and that so much Tobacco may be levied on the Taxable Persons of the said Parish, as will enable them to purchase the Two Acres of Land, and build a Church:

B E I T T H E R E F O R E E N A C T E D, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Vestry-Men and Church-Wardens of *Westminster* Parish aforesaid, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorized and impowered, to agree for and purchase Two Acres of Land, where an old School-House stood, that one *Patrick Oglevie* formerly kept School in, on the *South West* Side of the main Road, that leads up on the *North* Side of *Severn-River*, to build the said new Church on.

A N D B E I T F U R T H E R E N A C T E D, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices of *Anne-Arundel* County Court, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and directed, on the Application of the Vestry-Men and Church-Wardens of the Parish aforesaid, to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, any Quantity of Tobacco, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco in any One Year; and to continue so doing Yearly, until there shall be a sufficient Quantity of Tobacco levied, to erect and compleat a new Church in the said Parish, and to purchase the Two Acres of Land aforesaid: Which said Tobacco so to be levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, for the Time being, who is hereby authorized and directed to collect the same; and who shall have for such Collection, at and after the Rate of Five *per* Cent, without any Deduction: And the said Tobacco, when so collected, shall be paid Yearly to the Vestry-Men and Church-Wardens, who are hereby authorized and required to apply the same to the Building and Finishing a new Church in the said Parish, and to pay for the Two Acres of Land to be purchased as aforesaid.

W H E R E A S, it may so happen, That the Person or Persons interested in the Two Acres of Land aforesaid, may wilfully refuse to make Sale thereof, or the Person or Persons interested therein, through Nonage,